

REMARKS

Claims 3-23 are now pending in the application. Claims 1-2 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject contained therein. Claims 3 and 6 have been amended. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over SU1653730 in view of Bosyj et al. Claims 1-2 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over JP8-252196 in view of Bosyj et al. Claims 1-2 are herewith cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, thus rendering the rejections moot.

Claims 3-23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The subject matter of claim 1 has been incorporated into claims 3 and 6, respectively, which places both claims (and the claims dependent therefrom) in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 3-23 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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